



COLONIAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

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Meeting Minutes:	Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board August 3, 2015
Location:	Poquoson Recreation Center 49 Odd Rd. Poquoson, VA 23662
Members Present:	Byron M. Adkins Susan Bruno Jimmy Burrell Craig Farinholt Barry Holloway (designee for Ron Montgomery) Wakie Howard Charles Moss, Vice Chair Shawn Overbey Jenny Pauls Steven Reandeau Brad Rinehimer Mike Scheitle
Members Absent:	Judge Wade Bowie Bill Coda David Coe Judge Colleen Killilea John Kuplinski, Chair Jodi Miller Virginia Munoz Judge Mike McGinty Doug Powell Dave Sloggie Rob Tyler Walt Zaremba
Staff Present:	Hal Diggs, CCC Director Jack Fitzpatrick, Criminal Justice Planner Jessica Bolton, CCC Administrative Coordinator

Guests: Maj. Tony Dallman J.C.C.P.D.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The quarterly meeting of the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Moss.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

Due to an error in the roll, the Justice Planner advised that we were one member short of a quorum although 11 members and a designee were present. The error was not discovered until after the meeting was adjourned.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Moss announced that this will be New Kent Sheriff Wakie Howard's last CCCJB meeting and thanked him for his service to the Board (since September 9, 2008). He advised that he had worked with him through the New Kent Election Board Office and that the Sheriff and his staff were always extremely helpful. Several other Justice Board members shared specific messages for Sheriff Howard and all wished him nothing but the best in his retirement.

4. APPROVAL OF MAY 4, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Agenda item differed until a quorum is counted.

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

No report.

6. APPOINTMENTS and ELECTIONS

None.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) **Juvenile Justice Committee Report:** Committee Chair Mike Scheitle reported:

- The Juvenile Justice (JJ) Committee has been on its summer hiatus since school personnel are no longer available to meet.
- JJ Committee members were alerted to the WATA community survey (ended June 30) and asked to respond in favor of reinstating the free bus service for students displaying school ID cards (the cost is now 50 cents per trip). Transportation is seen as a barrier for many in regard to attendance at pro-social functions offered by the schools and local parks and rec. entities.

- A partnership has been developed with the William and Mary Law School to use their mock courtroom for J.J. public safety videos. In addition, the Law School produces videos on a regular basis as a teaching tool and has volunteered their personnel as actors for our videos as well. It appears that the script on internet predators will be shot as soon as feasible after W&M students arrive.
- As you may recall, New Kent High School and their School Resource Officers have conducted the Live Smart program for the last two years following two medical emergencies that occurred on campus the previous year. The Live Smart program, among other things, certifies students in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Unfortunately, in July, another tragedy occurred (off campus) involving a NKHS student. However, on this occasion, friends who were also NKHS students and were certified in CPR due to the program, were able to provide immediate CPR to the victim. Although resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful in this case, the victim's family was extremely appreciative that the friends were trained, certified, and did all that they could for their loved one prior to advanced life support personnel arriving.

(b) **Special Projects Report - CIT:** CIT Chair David Coe was unable to attend the meeting and Justice Planner Fitzpatrick provided a report. Jack read an email from David: "Many thanks to everyone for their support and help in getting our additional funding for CITAC. We're moving as rapidly as we can to expand operations to 12 hours daily! We are also hopeful that the Prisoner Re-entry funds from DBHDS will be approved, but we have no way of knowing whether or not to be optimistic. We know that we have fared very well with that Department recently, and hope the good will continues. Again, thanks to everyone that has contributed and/or sent support letters. Jay Sexton is going to be stepping down as our CIT Coordinator at the end of December. We are preparing to nominate him for the Virginia CIT Coordinator of the Year in the upcoming CIT Conference, and would really appreciate the active support of the CCCJB in that effort. Of everyone in this community that has contributed so much to the development and success of CIT in our area, no one has contributed as much as Jay Sexton. If the Board agrees, we may be asking for written recommendations, testimonials, etc."

Jack clarified that September 1 is the expected date for the expansion. The CITAC will begin operating from noon-midnight every day which will cover the vast majority of the mental health crises for our area.

From CITAC Manager, Amber Frye, Jack shared that an increase in visits to the Center was seen both in June and July. The estimate of the cost of officer/deputy-hours saved to date is just over \$10,000 since the Center opened in Sept. 2014. CIT asks for law enforcement assistance in tracking the data for jail diversions. Jack added that data on officer/deputy injuries pre and post opening of the CITAC might also be invaluable in establishing the value of the program. Steven added that Newport News is also having trouble in tracking the data on jail diversions via their CIT program as well.

Total Center visits through June first were 225 with 112 TOD's and 139 ECO's.

c) **Re-Entry Committee:** Committee Chair Jenny Pauls advised that:

- The DMV Connect program, which was an expansion of the One-Stop effort at VPRJ, has now provided Virginia Identification cards to 55 inmates with the next session scheduled for Sept. 2nd. The Re-Entry Coordinator was able to secure exceptions to the rule that required the party to personally present themselves at the Office of Vital Statistics in Richmond in order to retrieve a copy of their birth certificate (if required) for the issuance of VA ID. Now, an authorized family member is able to retrieve the document and transport it to the VPRJ prior to the DMV Connect visitation.
- The United Way Guest Houses have remained at or close to maximum capacity (9) for the quarter. As of the Monday 7/20 Re-Entry Council Meeting, interviews were scheduled to fill the two open beds.
- We have already experienced some success stories from the collaboration between the Re-Entry Coordinator and Dept. of Veterans' Affairs advocates. VPRJ inmates have been assisted in accessing services which they have earned through their prior military service and been very appreciative.
- A new year-round day support outreach for the homeless will officially kick-off at the beginning of September where clients can go the center at St. Bedes to get out of the weather, shower, access services, and receive referrals. The COFM Winter Shelter program will still reopen in Nov. for overnight protection from the cold.
- CCC will now host a drop box for the Lions Club eye glass donation program. Even broken glasses can be of use by the Lions Club.
- The second Thinking 4 a Change class is underway. District 34 is hosting and partnering with CCC in this 16-week, 4-month course that encourages students to rethink how they approach issues that have caused them problem with the law and in life.
- A bill is making its way through the General Assembly that would require state-responsible inmates to return to the local jail in the community that they intend to reside after release to acclimate to the area and receive local re-entry services. Judging by statistics from the last three years, it appears that the Colonial Re-Entry Council should expect—if the bill passes—to double the number of re-entering citizens that it serves.
- Formatting issues with the inaugural edition of the Colonial Re-Entry Council's Newsletter have been addressed and the latest edition which will be released soon. Your review and comments will be welcome.

d). **Finance Committee:** CCC Director Diggs advised that CCC and the 9th District Court Service Unit are undergoing renovation to include painting and carpeting. The CCC Grafton Office is planned to close on September 14, 2015. The Court Services Unit Office inside the York Courthouse will be used by CCC personnel on Mondays and Wednesdays for intakes and Tuesdays and Thursdays for clients who absolutely cannot travel to the Williamsburg Office which now has a 10-year lease with much better terms than the previous lease. He noted that CCC was able to overcome the \$42,000 mid-budget deficit created by the sudden removal of the state aid to localities. CCC hopes to receive the FY16 grant for \$450,000 over three years to extend the Domestic Violence (DV) Probation Officer's position as well as increasing the DV Commonwealth Attorney to a full time position.

8. REPORT OF CCC AGENCY DIRECTOR

No additional report.

9. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Jenny advised that the building that houses the District 34 Adult Probation Office was purchased recently by a new owner. Her lease is valid through 2017 but is unsure about the office space beyond that point.

All were encouraged to stay and enjoy some cake in celebration of Wakie Howard's service to the Justice Board.

10. CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

None

The next meeting will be held Monday, **November 2, 2015**, in the City of Williamsburg.

With no further business, Vice Chair Moss asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jimmy Burrell made the motion and Susan Bruno seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.